Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for continuously producing a laminate with at least one powder layer, comprising directing a first layer along a longitudinal direction to a second layer, applying a powder at least to the first layer continuously along the longitudinal direction, before applying binder to the first layer and before arranging the second layer on the powder layer and the first layer, removing a portion of the continuously applied powder layer from the first layer, thereby producing powder layers that are separated from one another and which are arranged one after another in the longitudinal direction, applying a binder to the first layer at least in strips between the separated powder layers, and directing the second layer onto the powder layer and the first layer and forming a transversely extending seal between the first and second layers along the strips of binder.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein at least one binder feed device is used for~~ comprising applying to the first layer ~~a first~~ an additional binder in the longitudinal direction for producing a longitudinal seal~~, and a second binder feed device is used for applying to the second layer a second binder for producing a transverse seal upon contact of the second layer with the first layer~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein~~, for the transverse seal, a~~ the longitudinal seal of the laminate is continuously produced.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the binder is arranged at least in part discontinuously.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one portion of the seal is mechanically produced, with the binder producing a mechanically acting bond between the first and the second layer.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein an adhesive is applied at least in part to the second layer, which is subsequently supplied to the first layer carrying the powder layer.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, including cutting the first layer and the second layer only after having totally sealed the powder layer.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the individual, separated and sealed powder layers are deposited, and individual laminates are supplied to further processing.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein completely sealed and spaced powder layers are stored in a coherent manner and subsequently supplied to further processing, in which the sealed powder layers are separated from one another at least in part.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein, as an ingredient of the powder layer, at least one material is used that is in a position to influence at least a direct environment of the laminate.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein, as an ingredient of the powder layer, at least one absorbent material is used, and the laminate is produced as an absorbent sheet.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein, as an ingredient for the powder layer at least one odor-influencing material is used.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein, as an ingredient of the powder layer at least one detergent is used.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein, with the powder layer, a material of a different geometric configuration is applied to the first layer.

16 - 26 (Cancelled)